

## Day of Knowledge



and the Armenian Alphabet in a voice of a little girl instead of their teacher. The parents and other guests were pleasantly surprised, too. The principal of the school mentioned that computer courses were now a mandatory part of the curriculum.

During summer vacation, the ICC of Martuni Sec. School #2 and the “Tatev” sports and culture NGO of Martuni implemented a project called “Let’s Learn About the Historical and Cultural Values of Our Region”. Martuni Sec. Schools # 2 and #3 were selected to participate in the project. Every Thursday the participants gathered together in the ICC to draw a plan for their trip and to research the web to learn about the historical place they were going to visit next. By the end of summer the young tourists visited a number of historical places and monuments in their region. After the last trip, a round table discussion was organized in the ICC



where the tourists shared the information they learned and told about their impressions. Haykuhi Barseghyan, a Yerevan State University student of journalism, wrote an article about the monuments and the experience of the young tourists. The article was published in the magazine “Hetq” (<http://hetq.am/arm/society/0507-martuni.html>).

### **Cooperation with Swedish Benefactors**



The teachers of the Vanadzor Special School #2, with the help of the school ICC Monitor Aram Grigoryan, started communication with a group of Swedish benefactors via the Internet. They shared information about the activities of the school and the problems of the school. Later this acquaintance grew into friendship; as a result, the Swedish benefactors visited the Vanadzor School, examined its condition and expressed their willingness to financially support the repair of the kitchen and the neighboring areas.

The workers immediately undertook renovations, which lasted till the end of the summer vacation. By the start of the new school year the work had been completed, and the students were happy to study in their new school.

### **“Lyceum as the Center for All-Armenian Education”**

On September 6, 2005 the students of Anania Shirakatsi Lyceum gathered in the school ICC to discuss information technologies. The Lyceum has a very rich experience in international education and information technologies, and they shared this with the participants.

Isahak Karkuntsyan, who came to study in the Lyceum from Melkonyan College of Cyprus, presented the “Typing Tutor” program that is available in the [http://typingsoft.com/all\\_typing\\_tutors.htm](http://typingsoft.com/all_typing_tutors.htm)

website. Now the program is widely used in the Lyceum.

During the meeting, the participants created a poster and called it “Lyceum as the Center for All-Armenian Education”. The poster will be presented in Moscow at an exhibition devoted to international education.



## Summer Camp in ICC



From August 15 to August 30 a summer camp was held in the ICC of Jermuk Sec. School #2 by the ICC Monitor and the Regional Program Coordinator of Project Harmony-Armenia. The aim of the camp was to organize the students' leisure, as well as to teach them computer basics. The participants of the camp were ten 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Two 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students volunteered to show cartoons and movies and to organize various games and musical

competitions for the kids. With the help of the ICC Monitor and the volunteers, the kids made small PowerPoint presentations using pictures and works of Armenian poets.

The kids were very excited about the summer camp in the ICC and hoped to participate in such camps every summer.